

McCall Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
21 April 2005
Revised

I. Call to Order: 4:09 pm

II. Attendance: Lynn Lewinski, Robyn Armstrong, Christie Gorsline, Anne Kantola, Susie Reddick

III. Minutes: Approved and signed.

IV. Staff Report: Anne passed around copies of department reports that are being submitted to Lindley. Arlis is experiencing back problems; under her doctor's recommendation, she's home resting and may be back to work as early as Saturday.

V. Friends Report: Without Diane, we have no report today.

VI. Budget and Stats: Stats were passed around; Anne will save budget report for Ed. Fifty percent of the fiscal year has passed and 45.3% of the budget has been spent.

VII. Old Business

1. Districting Report: Christie spoke to the Cascade High School and grade school staffs this morning and was well received. She has also spoken to the County Commissioners who made two requests: 1) they want Cascade and McCall City Councils to agree to reduce city tax bills by the current library amount so that residents won't be double taxed and 2) the new library district should include Rock Flats in Adams County.

Christie will be giving us petition forms to collect signatures as a first step toward getting Districting on the November ballot. People who collect signatures will have to have their names notarized. She also gave us tax information sheets that help us explain the issue to voters. If the election is successful, the District Board will set the millage rate (max allowed by law is .06% or .0006). Property tax money will come in beginning January 2007. The new district will be funded in the interim through an LSTA (Library

Science and Technology Act - federal money) and Cascade and McCall continuation of current budget amount. After the District budget is set, the amount can go up a maximum of 3% per annum. Christie also gave us copies of the ballot wording and other support information, including information about a library size that could work for Donnelly.

The Districting Committee will discuss a marketing strategy at their May 19 meeting. Ideas include: running ads using "Twenty Reasons Why Libraries Matter" material in the *Star News* and the *Advocate* beginning about mid-June. Other marketing plans include treat bags for school kids in October, bookmarks to hang on doors throughout the county, and staffing an information table at a variety of local events.

2. Cataloguing Report: According to Anne's Department Report, 20,428 records now reside in Spectrum and 18,033 records are fully catalogued in the Patron Access Catalog.

VIII. New Business

1. Strategic Plan Review: Because Ed and Diane are absent, we will table this item until the next meeting.

2. Sidewalk and Painting: The concrete sidewalk is done and looks good. The asphalt portion of the job will be completed at a later date. We have paid \$3896 for the work and \$253 to have the old concrete hauled to the landfill. A new railing will be added for \$500. Fortunately, we still have money for our paint job. This will cost about \$2500; we're just waiting for the weather to dry up.

3. New Projects: Dan Irwin oversees the committee that will determine how this money is to be spent. So far, not a single city request has been received, so Anne will put one in. Our requests will be for:

1. Making the smaller back room a children's room with a "hobbit door". The room will be used for crafts, story hours, and other children's activities.

2. Changing the larger back room into Anne's office plus a storage area.

3. Ordering new collections such as audiotapes. Currently, our audio and video collection consists of donations only.

In order for #1 and #2 to happen, Anne will request between \$4000 and \$5000 after one or more contractors can come in and project costs. In order for these projects to begin, the City must first meet their commitment to build conference rooms at the old fire station. In addition, Anne will request \$2000 for the audio/video collection. Requests must be turned in by May 2nd.

4. Report for City Council: Anne reminded us that we are slated to present an annual report to the City Council during the month of October.

5. Miscellaneous: The *Star News* ad is nearly complete and will run once a month, the first edition of each month. Tom has arranged for sponsors. Susie will need to get updated information to Tom by May 2nd of next month and will suggest clip art/book background.

Anne is looking into LSTA grant money to begin a series of presentations geared toward adult interests. Some ideas include flower arranging, Fish and Game information, health food, scrapbooking, and writer's workshops.

IX. Adjournment: 5:52 pm

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 19th at 4 pm in the library conference room.

Signed

Date